

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action of December 14, 2006.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicant elects the species of Group XIV which includes Figs. 9, 9A, 9B and 9C, upon which claims 15 and 19-31 are readable.

Claims 2-9, 13 and 15 have been cancelled and claims 19-31 have been added. Claim 19 replaces canceled claim 15.

It is believed that the claims are allowable and an early action of a favorable nature is requested.

No claim fee is due since there are now the same number of independent claims as were paid for when the application was filed. Also, the number of claims does not exceed 20.

If it is believed that a telephone conference would be helpful in the further prosecution of this application the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

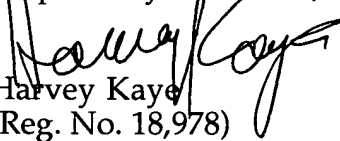
The Office action of December 14, 2005 provided a 30 day period for response and this response is being mailed within such period.

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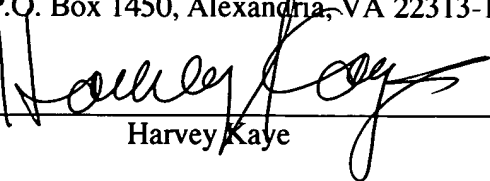
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